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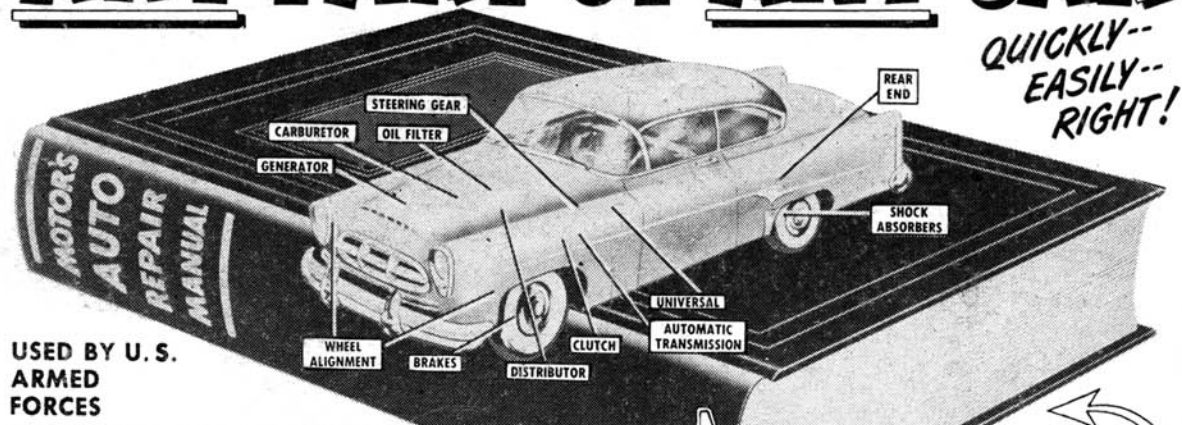


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# BLACKHAWK

SOMEWHERE IN THE VAST CHINA SEA WAS THE TERRIBLE **MADAM FURY**, QUEEN OF ORIENTAL PIRATES! WHILE SHE ROAMED AT LARGE, NO ONE COULD MOVE VITAL SUPPLIES TO THE STARVING OUTPOSTS OF NATIONALIST CHINA! THERE WAS ONLY ONE SOLUTION! THE **BLACKHAWKS** MUST TURN PIRATE THEMSELVES TO TRAP THE FIENDISH...

## Madam Fury QUEEN OF PIRATES

GIVE IT TO 'EM, MEN! THEY FELL RIGHT INTO OUR TRAP!

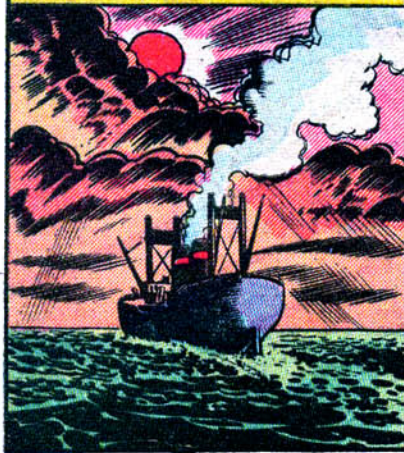
THE BLACKHAWKS! AT THEM, YOU FOOLS! YOU HAVE THEM OUTNUMBERED!





# BLACKHAWK

THE ALLIED FREIGHTER **MONOS** PLOPS ACROSS THE CHINA SEA, BOUND FOR THE NATIONALIST ISLAND QUEPO! ON BOARD ARE GUNS AND SUPPLIES FOR CHIANG'S BRAVE DEFENDERS!



SUDDENLY...

SAIL HO!

A LATEEN SAIL! THAT MEANS A CHINESE JUNK... AND TEN TO ONE IT'S A PIRATE! NOTIFY CAP'N HURD AT ONCE, IRA!



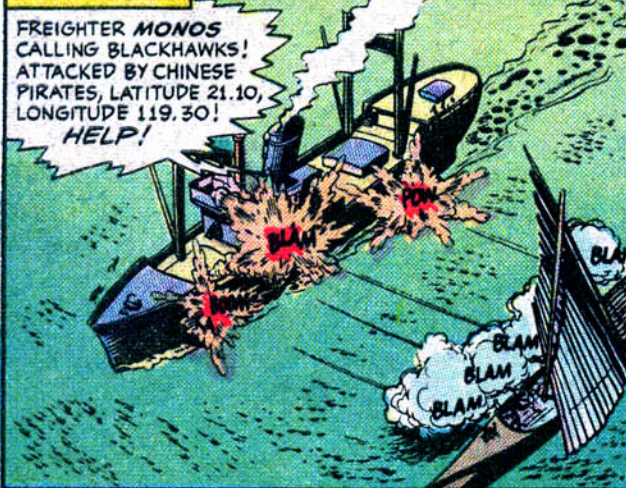
SWARMING WITH HALF-NAKED CHINESE AND NO FLAG! SHE'S A PIRATE FOR SURE... AND WE'RE UNARMED! IT LOOKS BAD, MATE!

I'M GOING TO RADIO THE BLACKHAWKS, CAP'N! THEIR ISLAND CAN'T BE TOO FAR FROM HERE!

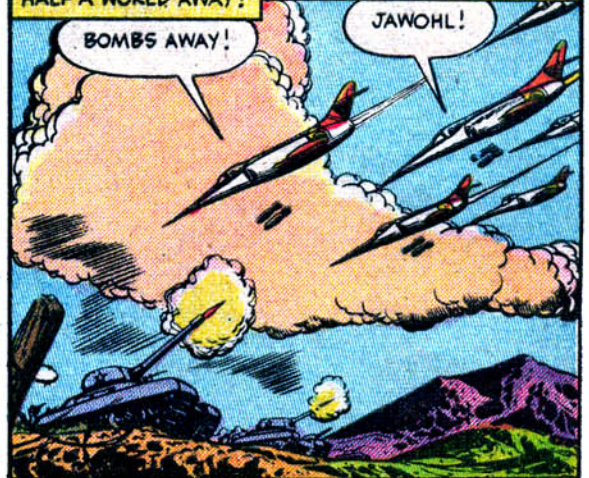


THE ATTACK IS SWIFT AND SAVAGE, WITH NO WARNING AND NO QUARTER!

FREIGHTER **MONOS** CALLING BLACKHAWKS! ATTACKED BY CHINESE PIRATES, LATITUDE 21.10, LONGITUDE 119.30! **HELP!**



BLACKHAWK ISLAND IS INDEED CLOSE... BUT AT THAT MOMENT THE BLACKHAWKS THEMSELVES ARE FIGHTING HALF A WORLD AWAY!

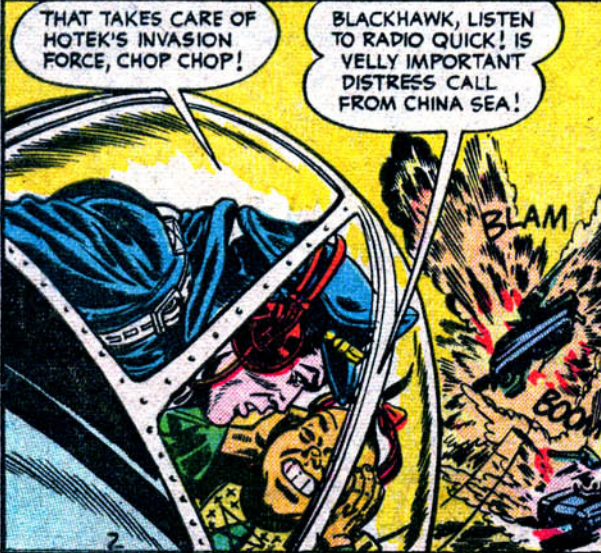


BOMBS AWAY!

JAWOHL!

THAT TAKES CARE OF HOTEK'S INVASION FORCE, CHOP CHOP!

BLACKHAWK, LISTEN TO RADIO QUICK! IS VELLY IMPORTANT DISTRESS CALL FROM CHINA SEA!



YOU HEARD THAT CALL, MEN? CUT IN THE AFTER-BURNERS AND HEAD FOR THAT LOCATION! WE'VE DONE OUR JOB HERE!

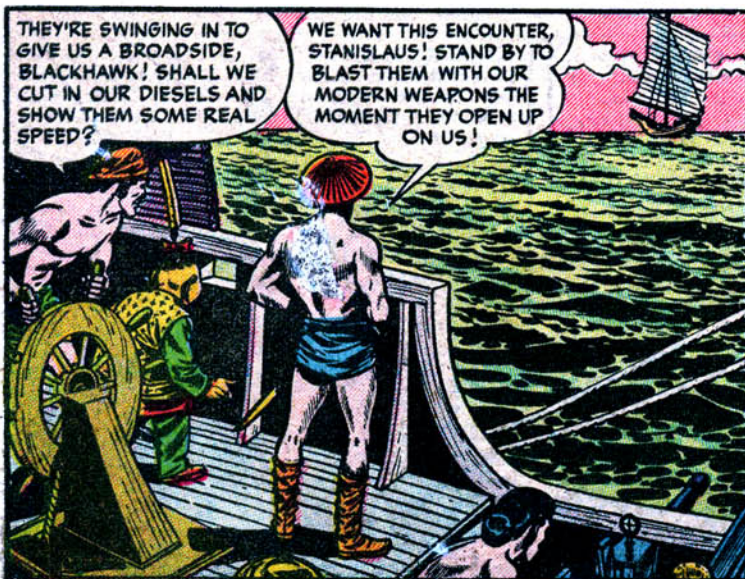
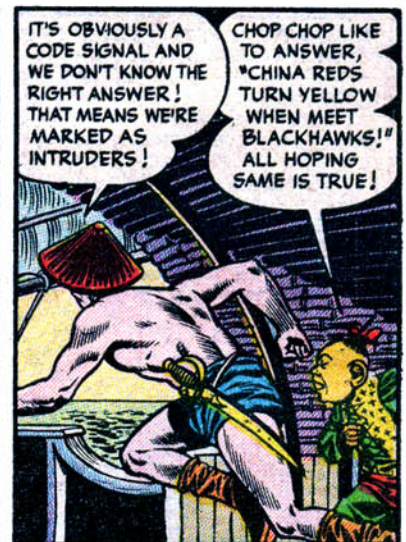
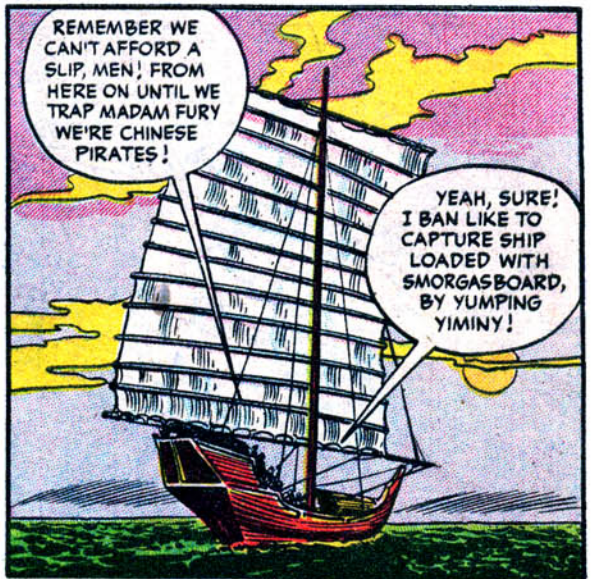
TIENS, BLACKHAWKS! ZE OPERATOR SAYS ZE PIRATES ARE BOSSSED BY A WOMAN WHO CALLS HERSELF MADAM FURY! SHE MUST BE ZE ONE WE SEEK!





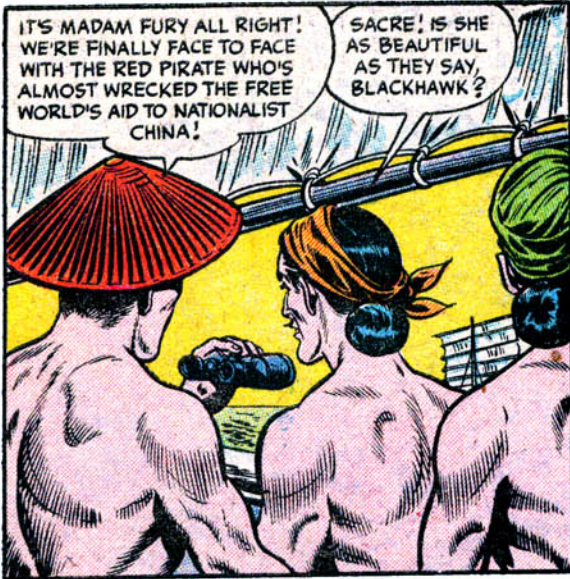






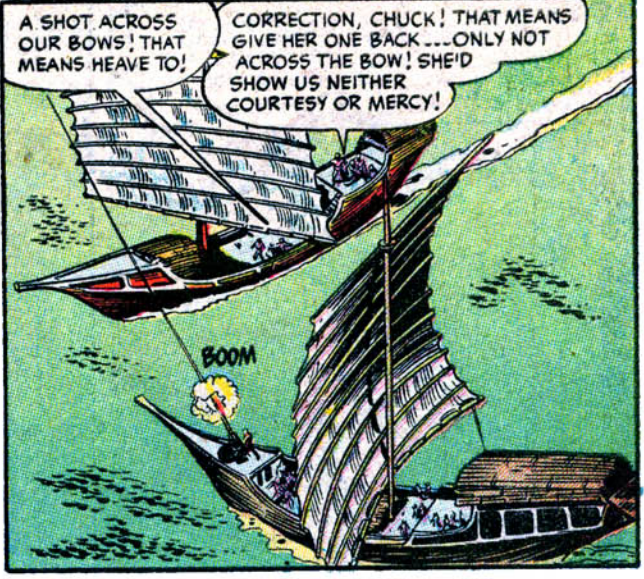


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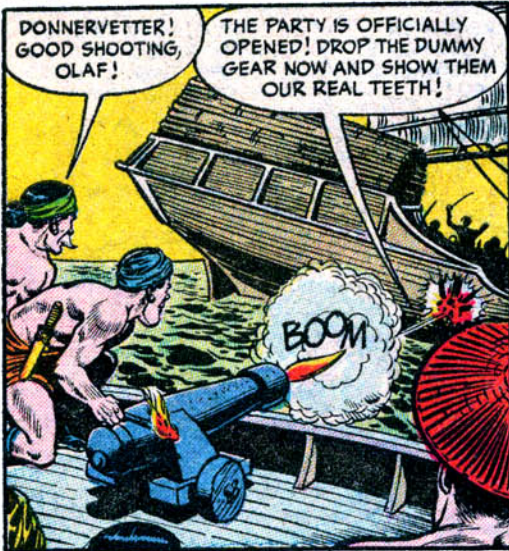
IT'S MADAM FURY ALL RIGHT! WE'RE FINALLY FACE TO FACE WITH THE RED PIRATE WHO'S ALMOST WRECKED THE FREE WORLD'S AID TO NATIONALIST CHINA!

SACRE! IS SHE AS BEAUTIFUL AS THEY SAY, BLACKHAWK?



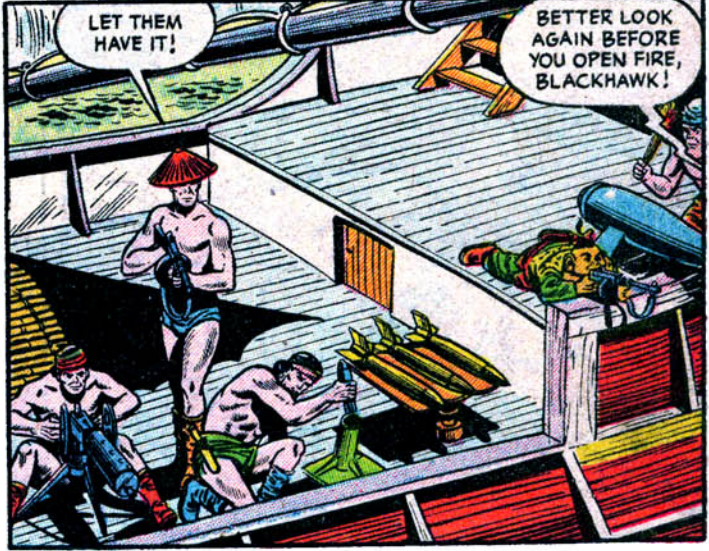
A SHOT ACROSS OUR BOWS! THAT MEANS HEAVE TO!

CORRECTION, CHUCK! THAT MEANS GIVE HER ONE BACK... ONLY NOT ACROSS THE BOW! SHE'D SHOW US NEITHER COURTESY OR MERCY!



DONNERVETTER! GOOD SHOOTING, OLAF!

THE PARTY IS OFFICIALLY OPENED! DROP THE DUMMY GEAR NOW AND SHOW THEM OUR REAL TEETH!



LET THEM HAVE IT!

BETTER LOOK AGAIN BEFORE YOU OPEN FIRE, BLACKHAWK!



WHA...? HOLD FIRE! THOSE ARE AMERICAN SAILORS!

THE CREW OF THE LAST FREIGHTER I LOOTED, BLACKHAWK! I TOLD MY COMRADES YOUR WEAKNESS WAS CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS!



SACRE, BLACK-HAWK! ZEY ARE CLOSING IN TO BOARD US! WE COULD BLOW ZEM OUT OF ZE WATER!

NOT WITHOUT SLAUGHTERING INNOCENT PRISONERS! SHE'S GOT US HELP-LESS AND SHE KNOWS IT!



NEVER MIND US, BLACKHAWK! BLOW THESE FIENDS TO KINGDOM COME!

YOU'RE SAFE, YANKEES! THE BLACKHAWKS ARE TOO CHIVALROUS TO RISK YOUR NECKS TO SAVE THEIRS!





AIEEEEEEE!  
GET THEM! DESTROY  
THEM!

NO! NO! I WANT  
THEM ALIVE! I  
HAVE PLANS FOR  
THEIR FINISH!



GIVE IT TO THEM!  
WE CAN'T HARM  
THE AMERICAN  
SAILORS THIS  
WAY!

JAWOHL! UNLESS  
DER SAILORS GET  
HIT MITT FLYING  
'TEETH!



YOU LIKEE  
FIVE-KNUCKLE  
BOARDING  
PARTY?

COCHON! I  
CHANGE A RED  
TO BLACK AND  
BLUE!



THEY'RE BEATEN  
DOWN! OUR PIRATES  
HAVE OVERWHELMED  
THEM!

OF COURSE! NOT EVEN THE  
TERRIBLE BLACKHAWKS CAN  
GO ON FIGHTING AGAINST  
ODDS OF 20 TO 1 FOREVER!

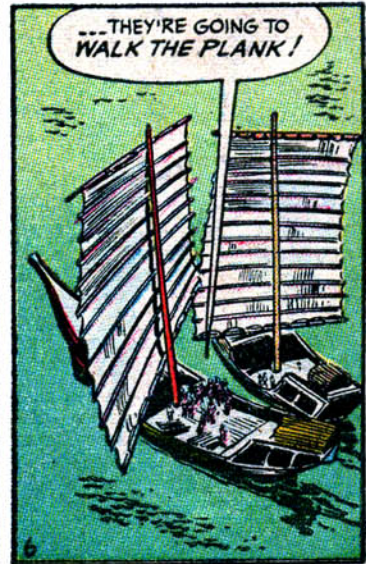


A CLEVERLY EQUIPPED  
CRAFT! I THINK I'LL TAKE  
IT OVER FOR MY OWN  
FLAGSHIP! IT'S BETTER  
THAN THE JUNK I'VE  
COMMANDED!

WHAT ABOUT THE  
BLACKHAWKS,  
MADAM FURY?

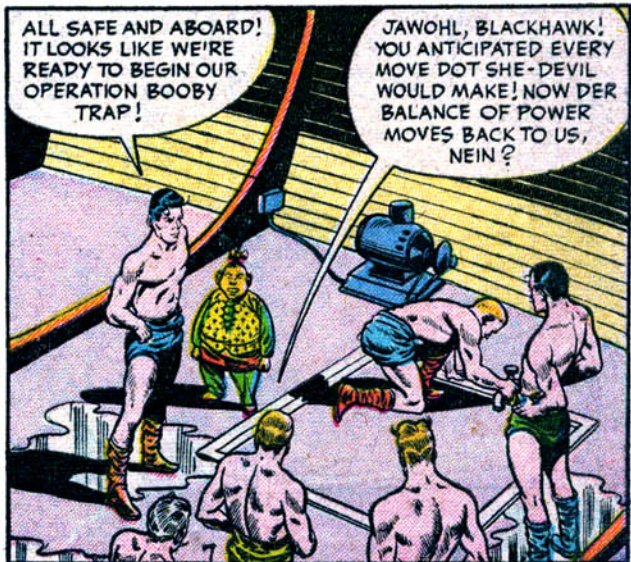
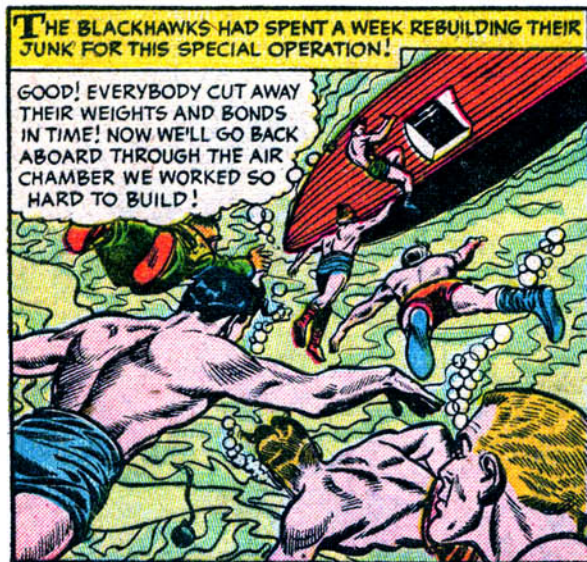
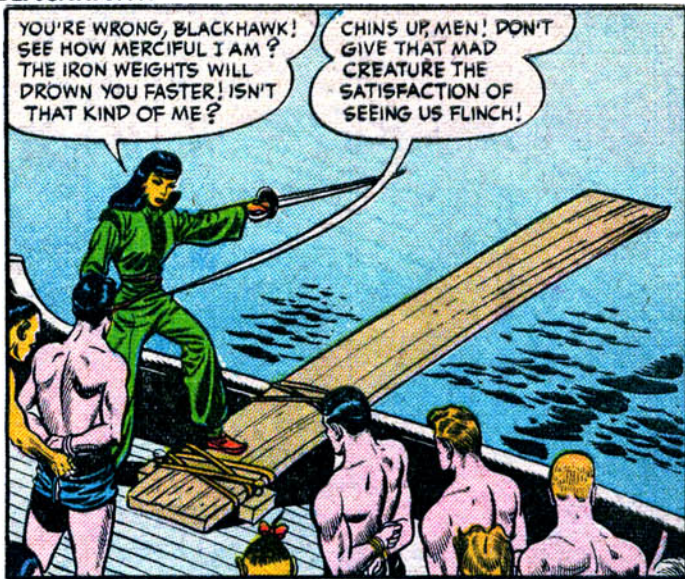


WHY, COMRADE KRUSHKOV,  
THE BLACKHAWKS ARE GOING  
TO GIVE ME THE ONE SPORT  
I'VE MISSED SINCE I'VE  
TURNED PIRATE...

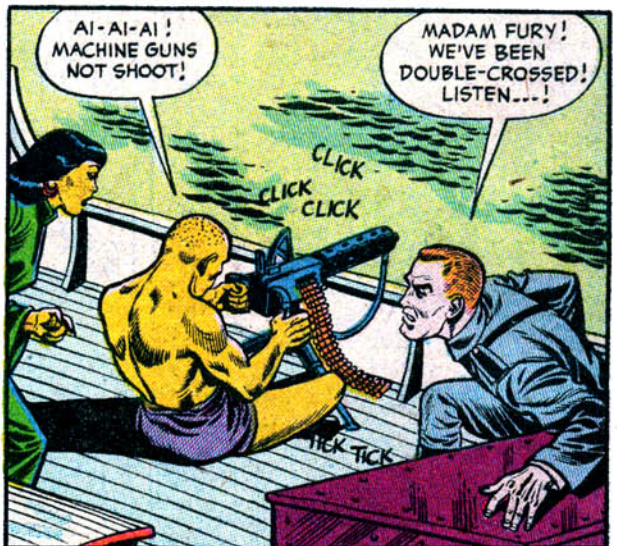
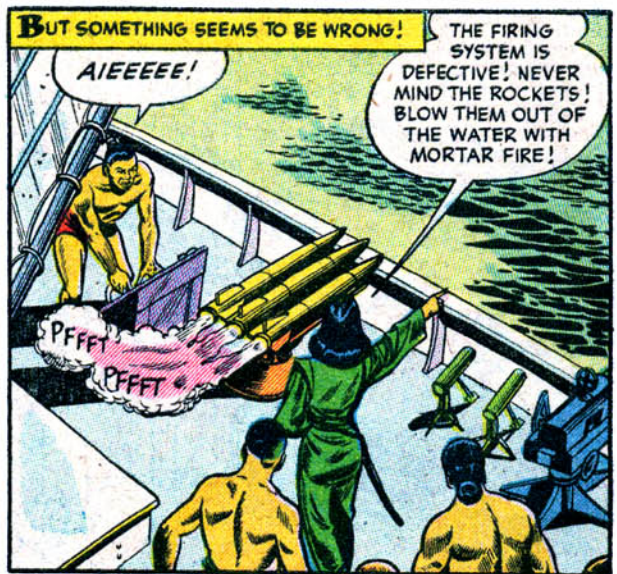


...THEY'RE GOING TO  
WALK THE PLANK!



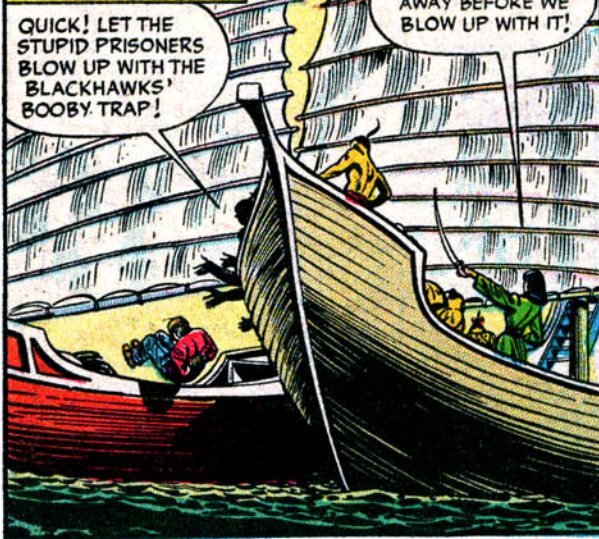








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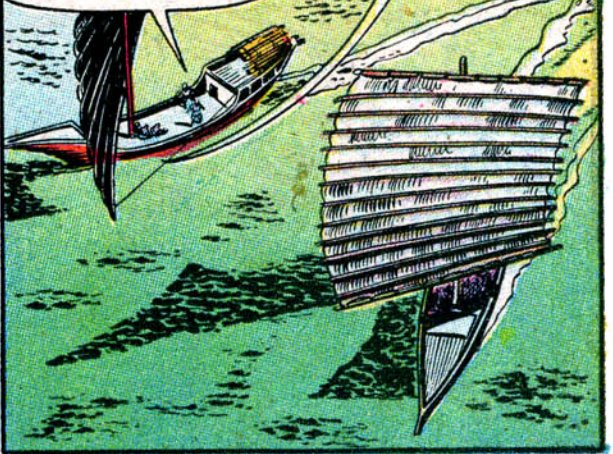


QUICK! LET THE STUPID PRISONERS BLOW UP WITH THE BLACKHAWKS' BOOBY TRAP!

HURRY! GET US AWAY BEFORE WE BLOW UP WITH IT!

YUMPPING YUDAS! I NEVER SAW PEOPLE WHO CAN GET SO SCARED OVER THE TICKING OF A CHEAP ALARM CLOCK IN A CHEST, BLACKHAWK!

THE BLACKHAWKS! I HAD A FEELING YOU WERE STILL ALIVE AND FIGHTING!



MIRABILE! NOW WE HAVE A GOOD FIGHT, NON?

WE'RE ALL SET FOR IT! I'VE REACTIVATED OUR WEAPONS NOW! THROW THOSE DUMMY MORTAR SHELLS OVERBOARD AND BRING UP THE LIVE AMMO!



THE BLACKHAWKS! THEY'RE ALIVE AND THEY'VE TAKEN OVER THEIR SHIP AGAIN! IT WAS ALL A TRICK!

AWRRK! CROWD ON SAIL! GET US OUT OF HERE! THEY'LL BLOW US OUT OF THE WATER, NOW THAT WE DON'T HAVE PRISONERS TO USE AS SHIELDS!



AHOY, MADAM FURY WILL YOU SURRENDER AND SAVE YOURSELF FROM DESTRUCTION?

STAND BY FOR MY ANSWER, BLACKHAWK!



AIM AT THE WATERLINE! HULL THEIR JUNK SO IT SINKS QUICKLY!



YIIIIII! NOTHING HAPPENS! THEIR JUNK IS ARMOR PLATE PAINTED TO LOOK LIKE WOOD!

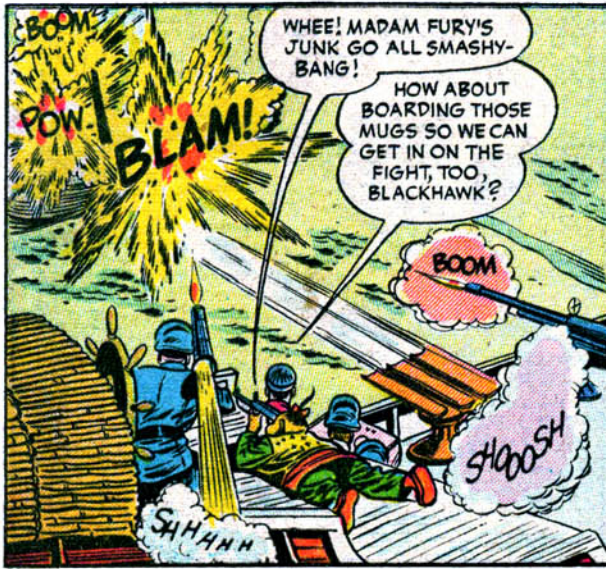
GLOVES ARE OFF, MEN! GIVE THEM OUR SUNDAY PUNCH!

BOOM

BLAM

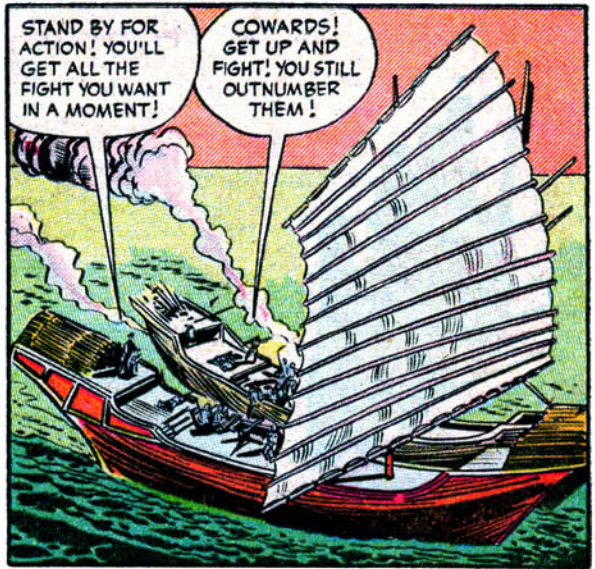
BAM





WHEE! MADAM FURY'S JUNK GO ALL SMASHY-BANG!

HOW ABOUT BOARDING THOSE MUGS SO WE CAN GET IN ON THE FIGHT, TOO, BLACKHAWK?



STAND BY FOR ACTION! YOU'LL GET ALL THE FIGHT YOU WANT IN A MOMENT!

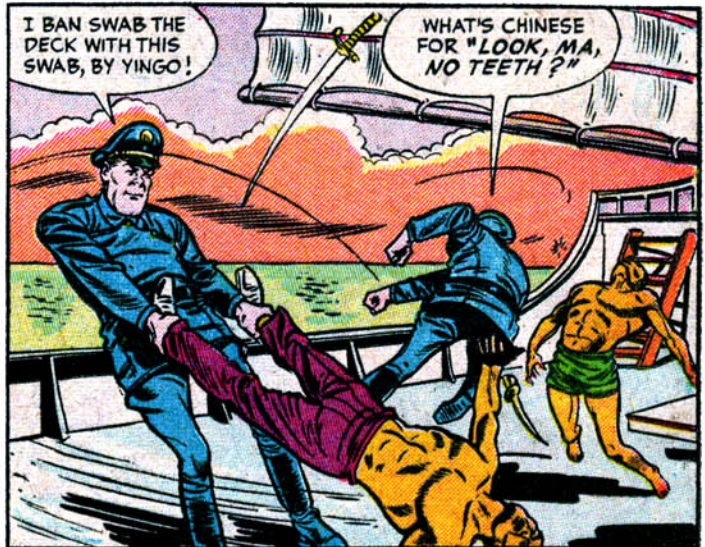
COWARDS! GET UP AND FIGHT! YOU STILL OUTNUMBER THEM!



HERE'S ONE FOR THE GOOD OLD CAPITALIST U.S.A.!

**HAWKA-A-A**

THIS DECK IS A MESS, FELLOWS! LET'S CLEAN IT UP!



I BAN SWAB THE DECK WITH THIS SWAB, BY YINGO!

WHAT'S CHINESE FOR "LOOK, MA, NO TEETH?"



YOU MAKEE CHOP CHOP ASHAMED OF OWN PEOPLE! SAY YOU'RE SORRY!

I TAKE DER VIND OUT OF YOUR SAILS!

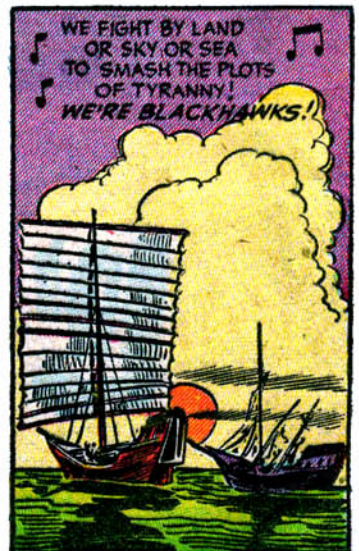
AI-AI-AI!



HAUL DOWN YOUR FLAG, SISTER! YOU'VE JUST RESIGNED FROM THE PIRACY RACKET FOR GOOD!

SIMMER DOWN, LITTLE MAN! THE WAR'S OVER!

EEAHH! IT'S ALL HER FAULT! SHE CLAIMED SHE WAS SMARTER THAN THE BLACKHAWKS! LET ME... OWOOFFF!



WE FIGHT BY LAND OR SKY OR SEA TO SMASH THE PLOTS OF TYRANNY! WE'RE BLACKHAWKS!



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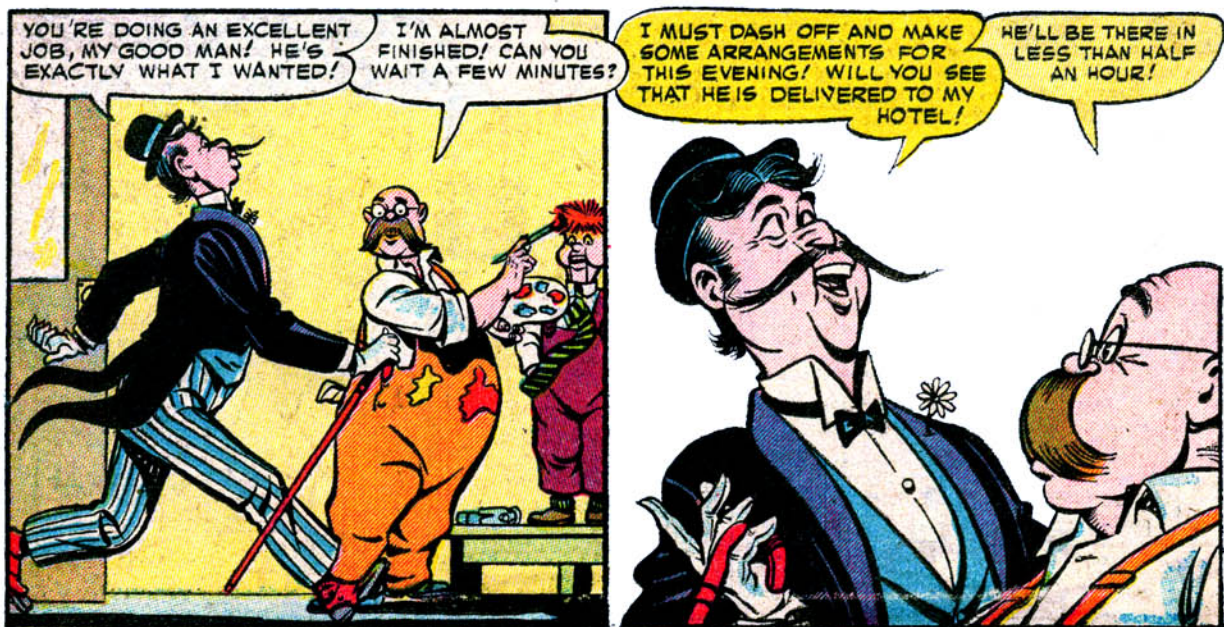
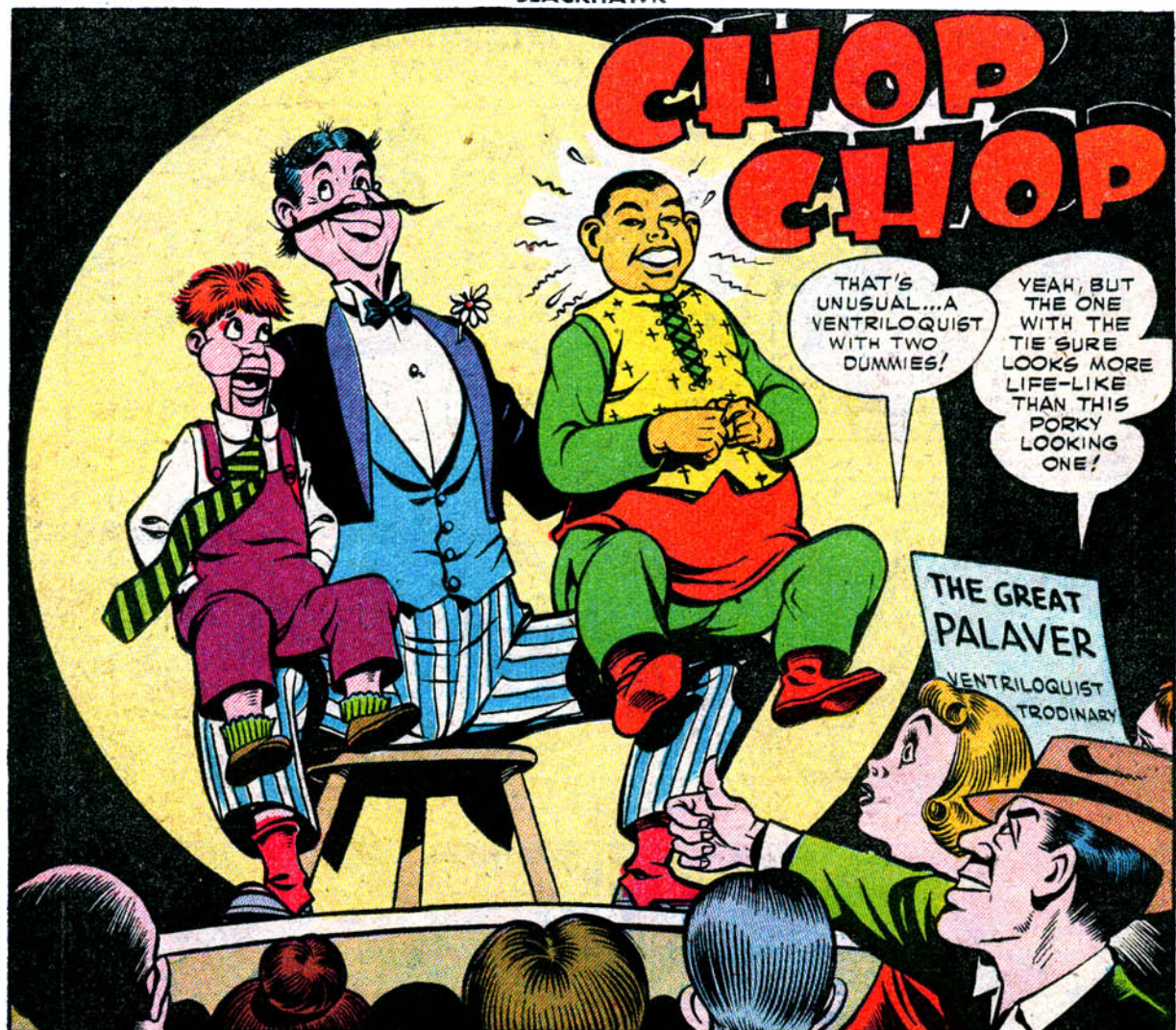
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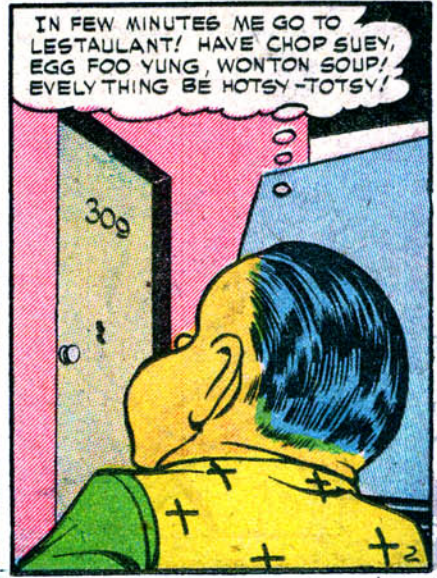
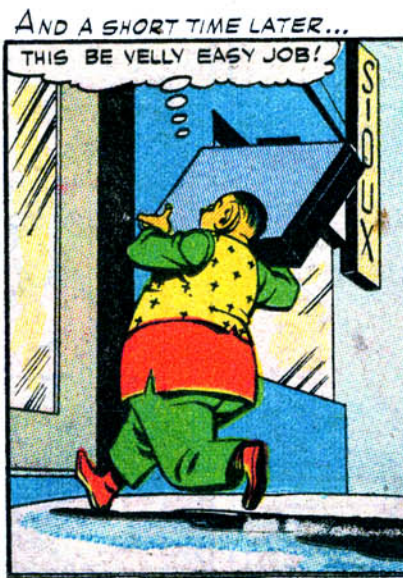
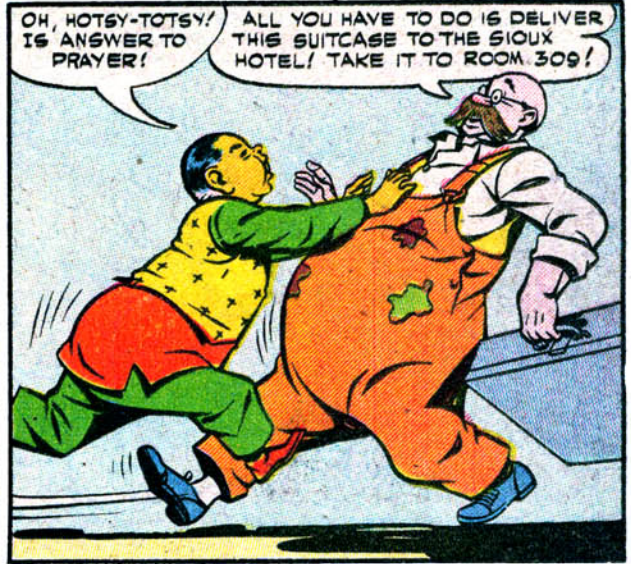
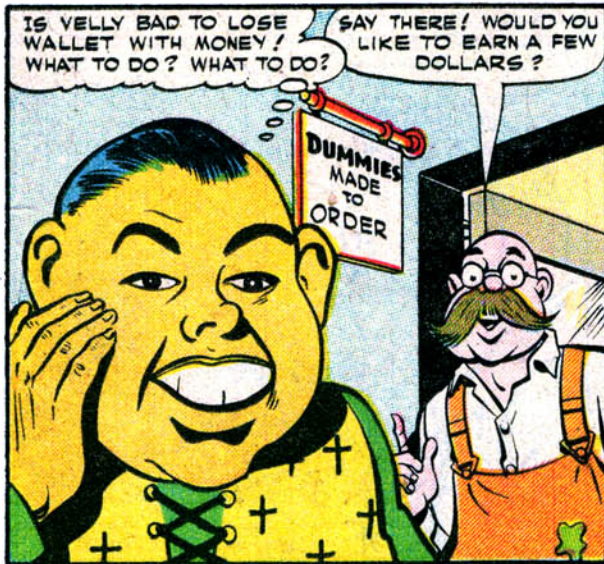
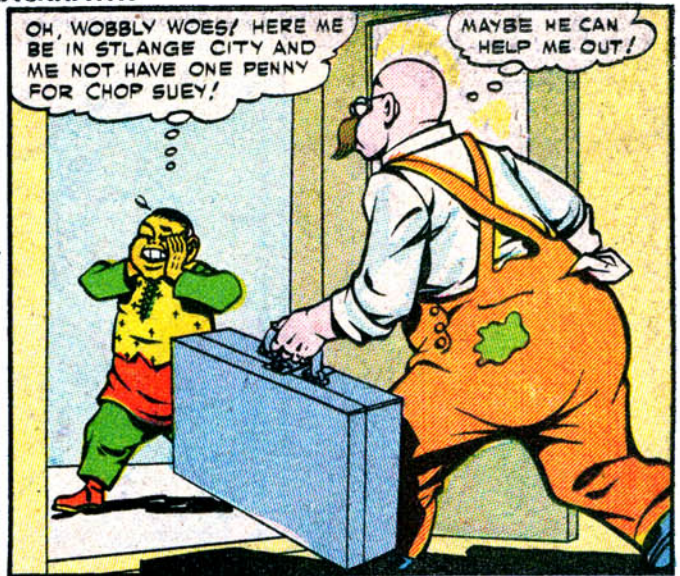
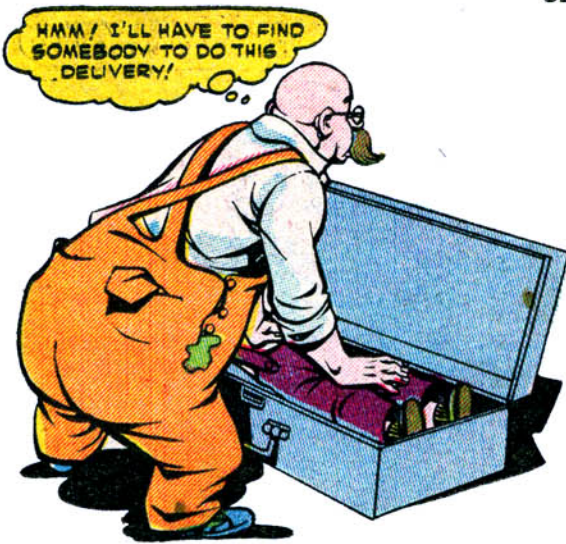
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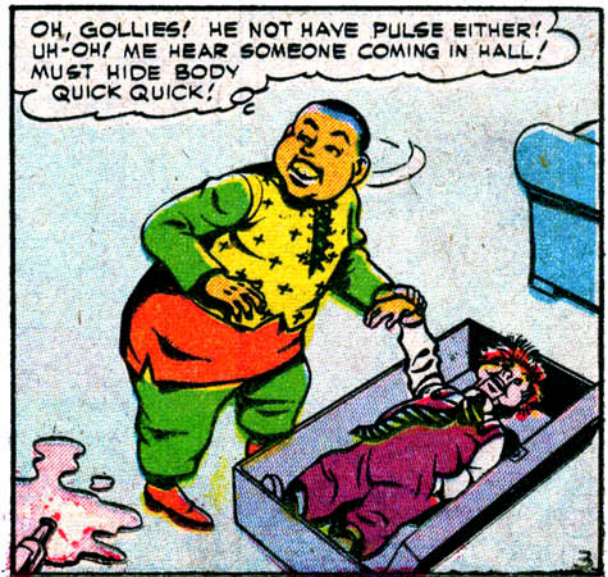
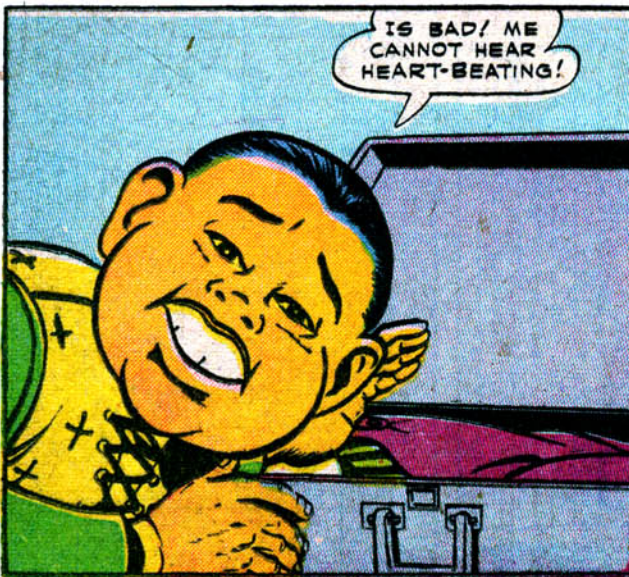
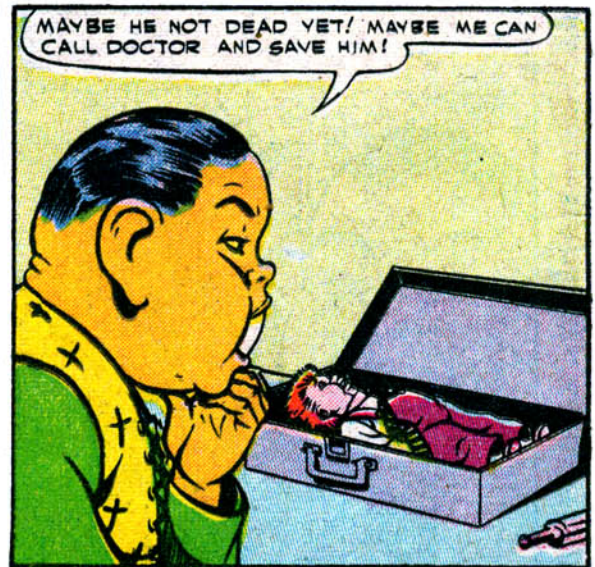
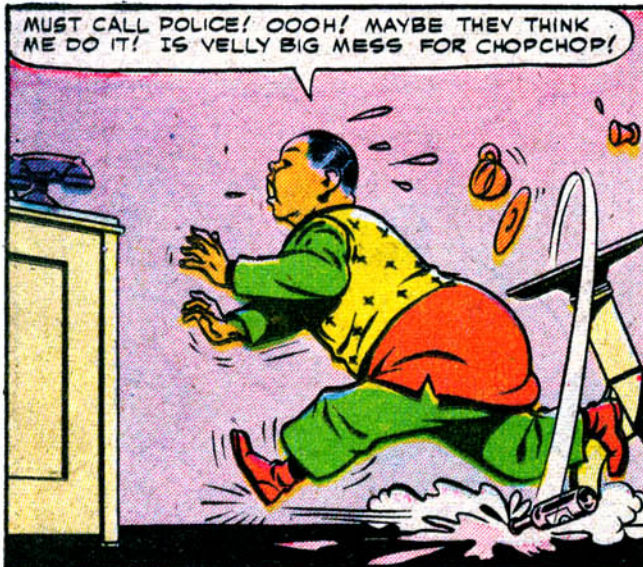




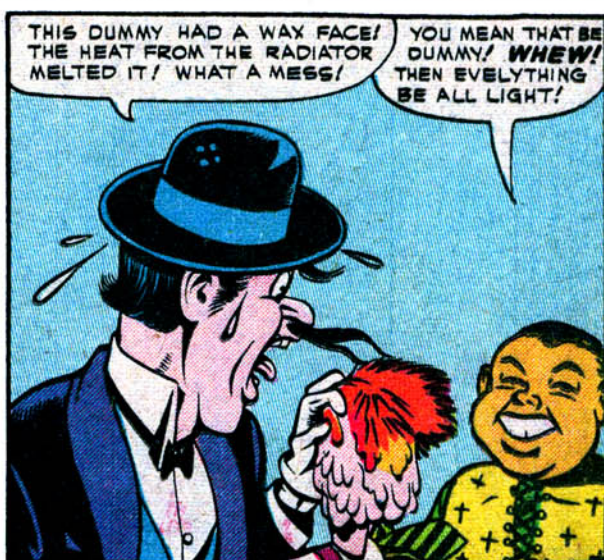
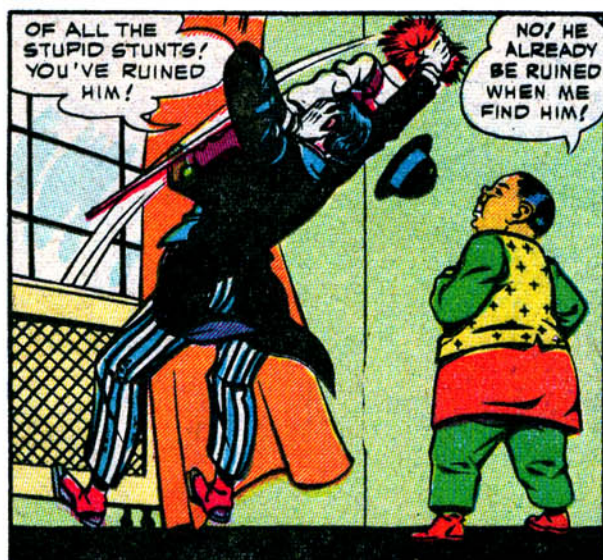












And that evening...

THE GREAT PALAVE VENTR



BLACKHAWK

# BLACKHAWK



SO I FINALLY TRAPPED THE CLEVER BLACKHAWKS! NOW I'LL OPEN THE DAM AND YOU'LL NEVER INTERFERE WITH TERRA, THE TRAPPER, AGAIN!

IT'S NO USE, FELLOWS! WE'LL NEVER GET THESE BEAR TRAPS OPEN WITHOUT A LEVER OF SOME SORT!

SHE WAS STUNNINGLY BEAUTIFUL AND FIENDISHLY CLEVER! HER DEADLY TRAPS HAD CAUGHT MANY A HAPLESS VICTIM! THEN THE REDS HIRED HER TO STEAL THE WESTERN DEFENSE SECRETS AND SHE TANGLED WITH THE BLACKHAWKS! FROM THEN ON IT WAS A DEADLY DUEL BETWEEN THE CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE AND...

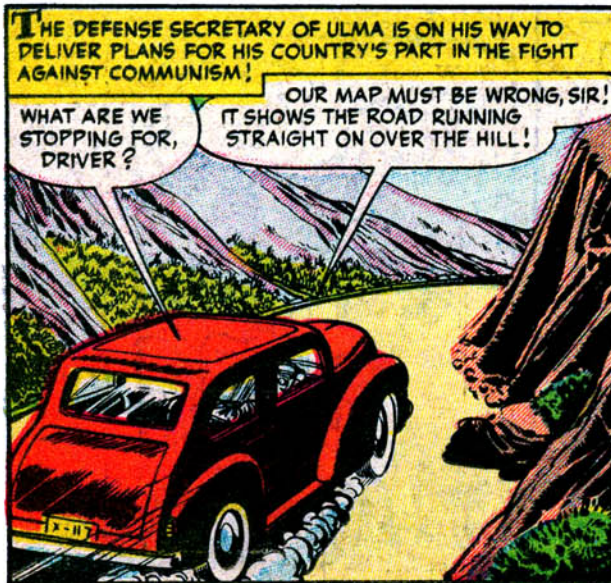
## TERRA, THE TRAPPER



THE DEFENSE SECRETARY OF ULMA IS ON HIS WAY TO DELIVER PLANS FOR HIS COUNTRY'S PART IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM!

WHAT ARE WE STOPPING FOR, DRIVER?

OUR MAP MUST BE WRONG, SIR! IT SHOWS THE ROAD RUNNING STRAIGHT ON OVER THE HILL!



SEE? THERE'S NO TURN MARKED ON IT AT ALL!

WELL, FOLLOW THE ROAD! I WON'T DRAW AN EASY BREATH UNTIL I'VE DELIVERED THESE DEFENSE PLANS TO THE CONGRESS OF GOVERNMENTS!





# BLACKHAWK

A FEW MOMENTS LATER....

WHA...? THE ROAD ENDS HERE! IT'S SOME KIND OF A TRAP!

YOU'RE SO RIGHT, MISTER SECRETARY! BLOCK THE WAY BACK, MEN, AND WE'LL GET THE PLANS!

I'M TERRA, THE TRAPPER, AND I'VE JUST TRAPPED MYSELF A MILLION DOLLARS! I'LL TAKE THOSE DEFENSE PLANS!

RUN FOR IT, SIR! I'LL TRY TO HOLD THEM OFF!

OWOOFFF!

NO! I WON'T GIVE THEM UP!

DON'T WASTE TIME! SHOOT HIM AND GET THE BRIEF-CASE!



I WOULDN'T IF I WERE YOU!

EEK! THE BLACKHAWKS!

WE SPOTTED YOUR PHONY ROADBUILDING FROM THE AIR AND CAME DOWN TO PREVENT JUST SUCH A TRICK AS THIS!

DON'T JUST STAND THERE, YOU FOOLS! MOW THEM DOWN!



YOUR MOWER BAN OUT OF ORDER, BOYS!

HAWKAA-AAA

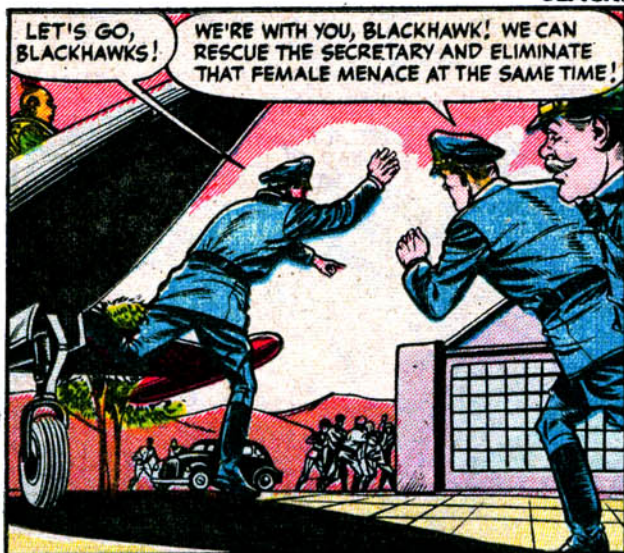
TIENS! ZIS MOWER HAVE NO TEETH!











LET'S GO, BLACKHAWKS!

WE'RE WITH YOU, BLACKHAWK! WE CAN RESCUE THE SECRETARY AND ELIMINATE THAT FEMALE MENACE AT THE SAME TIME!



WATCH OUT FOR HER, CHUCK! SHE'S TRICKY---HEY!

IT WORKED! THEY RAN RIGHT OVER MY TRAP!



MY, MY! AND I ALWAYS THOUGHT THE BLACK-HAWKS WERE TOO CLEVER TO BLUNDER INTO ANYTHING AS COMMON AS AN ELEPHANT TRAP!

SO THIS WAS ALL ONE OF YOUR CUTE TRAPS...AND WE STUMBLED RIGHT INTO IT!



OKAY, TERRA! I'LL QUICK KNOCK 'EM OFF QUICK SO WE CAN COLLECT THAT REWARD!

NO! THEY'RE HELPLESS DOWN THERE! I WANT THE SATISFACTION OF DELIVERING THE MIGHTY BLACK-HAWKS ALIVE!



WATCH THE PIT EVERY MOMENT! IF THEY TRY TO CLIMB OUT, SHOOT THEM! I'M GOING TO BRING KNOCKOUT GAS FROM THE CAR!

OKAY, BUT I STILL THINK WE OUGHTA GET RID OF 'EM WHILE WE CAN!



YUMPING YITTERBUGS! WE BAN SUCKERS FOR SURE! IF WE YUMP OUT WE GET SHOT! IF WE STAY HERE, WE BAN GASSSED TO SLEEP!

I'VE GOT AN IDEA, FELLOWS! CLOSE IN AND COVER ME SO THEY CAN'T SEE WHAT I'M DOING!



HURRY! ONE PUFF OF THIS GAS AND THEY'LL BE UNCONSCIOUS FOR HOURS! THEY'LL WAKE UP AS RED PRISONERS TONIGHT!

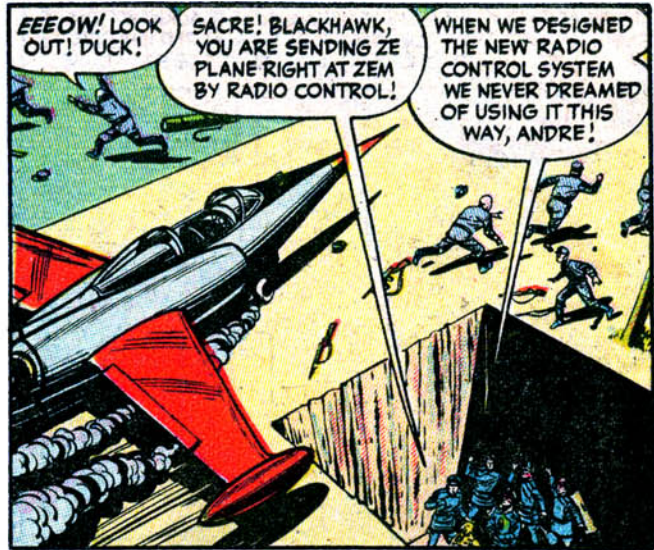
THAT'LL SUIT ME, TERRA! I DON'T TRUST THOSE GUYS, EVEN IN A TRAP LIKE THAT!





WHEN THEY'RE GONE, WE CAN REALLY TAKE OVER... YIIIIII! LOOK OUT FOR THAT PLANE! IT'S COMING RIGHT AT US!

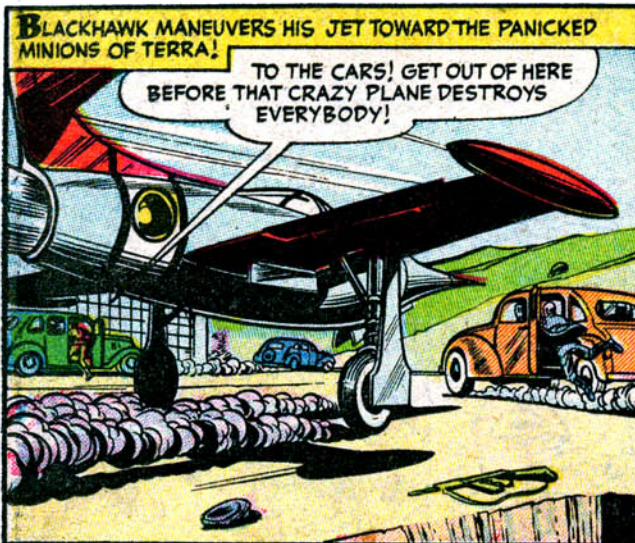
BUT THERE'S NOBODY IN IT!



EEEOOW! LOOK OUT! DUCK!

SACRE! BLACKHAWK, YOU ARE SENDING ZEM PLANE RIGHT AT ZEM BY RADIO CONTROL!

WHEN WE DESIGNED THE NEW RADIO CONTROL SYSTEM WE NEVER DREAMED OF USING IT THIS WAY, ANDRE!



**BLACKHAWK MANEUVERS HIS JET TOWARD THE PANICKED MINIONS OF TERRA!**

TO THE CARS! GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THAT CRAZY PLANE DESTROYS EVERYBODY!



CHOP CHOP SORRY TO REPORT UNPLEASANT TRAPPER-WOMAN RUNNING AWAY WITH NASTY GANG!

FASTEN THE END BELT TO A TREE, CHOP CHOP! WE CAN EACH SCALE THE WALL OF THIS PIT WITH THE HELP OF THIS BELT CHAIN!



WE'RE LICKED, FELLOWS! THE FOREST IS TOO DENSE TO BE SEEN THROUGH! THEY CAN TAKE ANY OF A DOZEN ROADS FROM HERE!

PRETTY SOON DAS VOMAN BAN TAKE ONE ROAD TOO MANY AND FIND A YAIL CELL AT DAS END!



**THAT NIGHT, BACK ON BLACKHAWK ISLAND...**

I UNDERESTIMATED THE FIENDISH INGENUITY OF THAT GIRL WHO CALLS HERSELF TERRA, THE TRAPPER! THAT MISTAKE ALMOST COST US OUR LIVES! WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE CAUGHT AGAIN...



I WANT YOU TO LIST EVERY KIND OF TRAP YOU EVER HEARD OF! WE'LL STUDY THEM ALL AND FIGURE OUT WAYS TO ELUDE THEM!

JAWOHL! DOT VOMAN IS DANGEROUS! A TRAP IS MORE DEADLY THAN DIRECT ATTACK!





THE BLACKHAWKS ARE CLEVERER THAN I THOUGHT! THEY WON'T LET THEMSELVES BE DECEIVED AGAIN! HOW CAN I...? WAIT! I'VE GOT IT!

WHATEVER IT IS, I PROBABLY WILL WIND UP WITH A BUSTED JAW!



BLACKHAWK THIS IS TERRA! THE WORLD ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR BOTH OF US! I CHALLENGE YOU TO MEET ME AND SETTLE IT ONCE AND FOR ALL!

THE WORLD ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR EVIL SCHEMES LIKE YOURS, TERRA! WE'LL ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE!



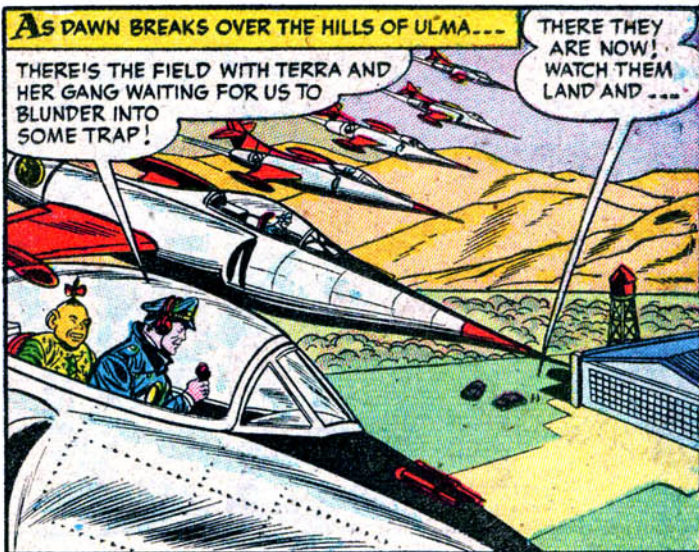
WE'LL MEET AT DAWN TOMORROW ON THE SAME ULMA AIRFIELD! BUT I WARN YOU, WATCH OUT FOR DEADLY TRAPS!

WE'LL BE THERE, TERRA, AND I WARN YOU... WATCH OUT FOR THE LONG ARM OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE!



THIS IS THE LAST BOMB, TERRA!

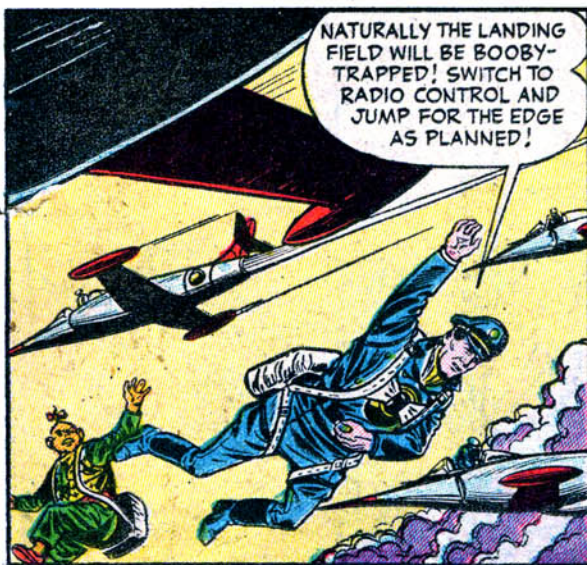
GOOD! THE WHOLE AIRFIELD IS MINED NOW! WHEN THEY COME IN TO LAND, THEY'LL BE BLOWN SKY-HIGH! BUT IN CASE THEY TRICK ME...



AS DAWN BREAKS OVER THE HILLS OF ULMA...

THERE'S THE FIELD WITH TERRA AND HER GANG WAITING FOR US TO BLUNDER INTO SOME TRAP!

THERE THEY ARE NOW! WATCH THEM LAND AND...



NATURALLY THE LANDING FIELD WILL BE BOOBY-TRAPPED! SWITCH TO RADIO CONTROL AND JUMP FOR THE EDGE AS PLANNED!



THEY DOUBLE-CROSSED YOU, TERRA! THEY AREN'T LANDING THEIR PLANES ON THE FIELD AT ALL!

I WAS SURE THEY'D BE TOO SMART FOR A SIMPLE BOOBY TRAP BUT I'VE ALLOWED FOR THIS SITUATION! NOW WATCH WHAT HAPPENS...



# BLACKHAWK

SHE'LL HAVE OTHER TRAPS SET WHERE SHE THINKS WE'LL TRY TO SKIRT THE FIELD! WE'LL TAKE THE OBVIOUS WAY, STRAIGHT ACROSS! BUT WATCH THE GROUND FOR SIGNS OF A MINE PLANTED!



LOOK OUT FOR--- HEY!

IT WORKED! I KNEW BLACKHAWK WOULD SUSPECT THE ROUNDABOUT WAY AND HEAD STRAIGHT ACROSS... OVER THE PLANTED BEAR TRAPS!



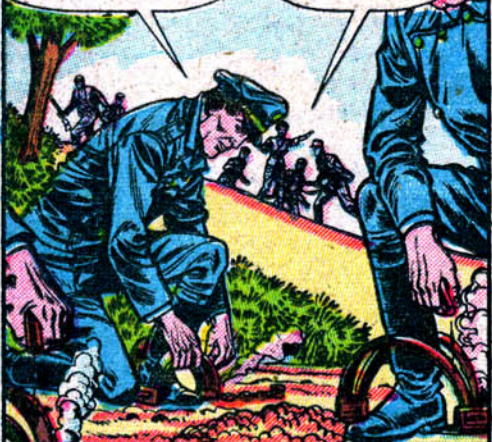
GOODBYE, BLACKHAWKS! WE'RE GOING UP THE VALLEY TO BLOW UP THE DAM! AFTER YOU'VE DROWNED I'LL COLLECT MY PAY!

THAT'S RIGHT! WE ARE IN THE OLD RIVER BED! GUESS WE'D BETTER STOP FOOLING AND USE THOSE VIALS WE BROUGHT, MEN!



THIS CONCENTRATED ACID WILL EAT THE SPRINGS FROM THE TRAPS IN THREE SECONDS!

THEY TRICKED ME! GET THEM BEFORE THE ACID FREES THEM!



MAY I RETURN YOUR PROPERTY, COCHON?

THEY'RE LOOSE! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE...



EEEEAAA! MY OWN TRAP! I FORGOT....!

THIS WAS A SHORT ONE WITH A HAPPY ENDING! FOR US, ANYHOW!

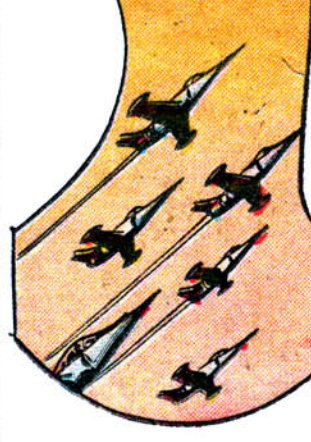


START MARCHING! WE TOOK THE PRECAUTION OF ALERTING THE ULMA ARMY FOR THIS MOP-UP! THEY'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU PROPERLY!

MAIS OUI! ZEY HAVE ZE PERFECT TRAP FOR ZE TRAPPER... A CELL WITH IRON BARS ZAT DO NOT BREAK!



WHEN EVIL SETS ITS TRAP FOR GOOD WE HELP ALL AS TRUE PATRIOTS SHOULD WE'RE BLACKHAWKS!





# A Lesson Well Learned

**T**HE Professor" watched the six men file into the room and take seats facing him and the blackboard. "A motley group," he muttered to himself bitterly, "but they'll have to do." The men said nothing to each other, but remained attentive until "The Professor" broke the silence.

"Now if you gentlemen are ready to begin, I'll continue from where I left off. I was telling you about the job I pulled at the Second National Bank in Albany back in '36. It won acclaim as the slickest safe-cracking operation in police records."

"The Professor" talked on in the most unique lecture these six men had ever heard. They were learning from one of the country's experts how to open a combination safe and escape unmolested with the loot. Each week "The Professor" held class, and he was as strict as any college professor might be. His lecture was as scholarly as if he were discussing the decline of the Roman Empire, and he didn't fail to hold periodic examinations to test his students. Because of this severe training, the police had been baffled for years by the magic formula that made any safe within the vicinity a pushover for this notorious gang of criminals.

Some of his men had objected to the school-room approach to learning and openly rebelled, but they soon learned that it wasn't wise to argue with "The Professor." He reigned supreme, and no one had the last word except himself.

He did have pet pupils though, and when he spotted someone he felt was bright and talented, he coddled him as if he were a precious stone. Of the six men in the class, Sid Russell fell into "The Professor's" favorite group. He had the highest marks of anyone in the class and always showed interest in whatever "The Professor" had to say.

"You were the only one to make a perfect mark on the last examination, Sid," beamed "The Professor." "If you keep up your record, you'll be in the big money someday."

"Thanks, Professor," Sid smiled modestly. "I can't lose. Ain't you the best teacher a guy could have?"

Flattery had a certain effect on "The Professor" too. He felt justified in being conceited about his own cleverness and enjoyed any recognition paid to his ingenuity. "This Sid Russell is going straight to the top of the racket," he said to himself, "I know a big time operator when I see him."

The day "The Professor" got a hot tip about the money-packed safe at the Simmon's Storage Company, he decided to give Sid a few pointers in action. Even at that very moment Sid knew more than some of the men who'd been with "The Professor" for years.

"Okay, Sid," he said. "I'm going to take you with me this time and show you how an expert works on the job. I've got everything planned—we can't lose."

Sid eagerly leaned over a sketch that "The Professor" had made of the Simmon's office, memorizing in a few moments every detail.

"Smart! That's what you are!" "The Professor" marvelled. "I've never met a fellow like you!"

Eleven o'clock that night was the zero hour and Sid and "The Professor" slowly drank a cup of coffee in a nearby restaurant and watched a big electric clock over the counter. A few minutes before the appointed time, they paid their check and left. They had only half a block to walk, but to avoid attracting attention, they kept a moderate pace. At exactly eleven, they passed a gagged guard whom another member of "The Professor's" gang had tied up, and they headed toward the front office and the safe. Both "The Professor" and Sid worked cautiously, making certain that any wire that could warn the police had been cut. In a few moments they stood in front of the safe breathing more easily.

"Good work," said the excited "Professor." "Now stand back and just watch me!"

He leaned his head down toward the combination and listened intently for the tumblers. 64-10-34-78—open! He greedily reached inside and pulled out a number of small packages filled with bills. Hastily he began to shove the packages into a black collapsible bag he had carried with him. When he closed the bag, the lights went on!

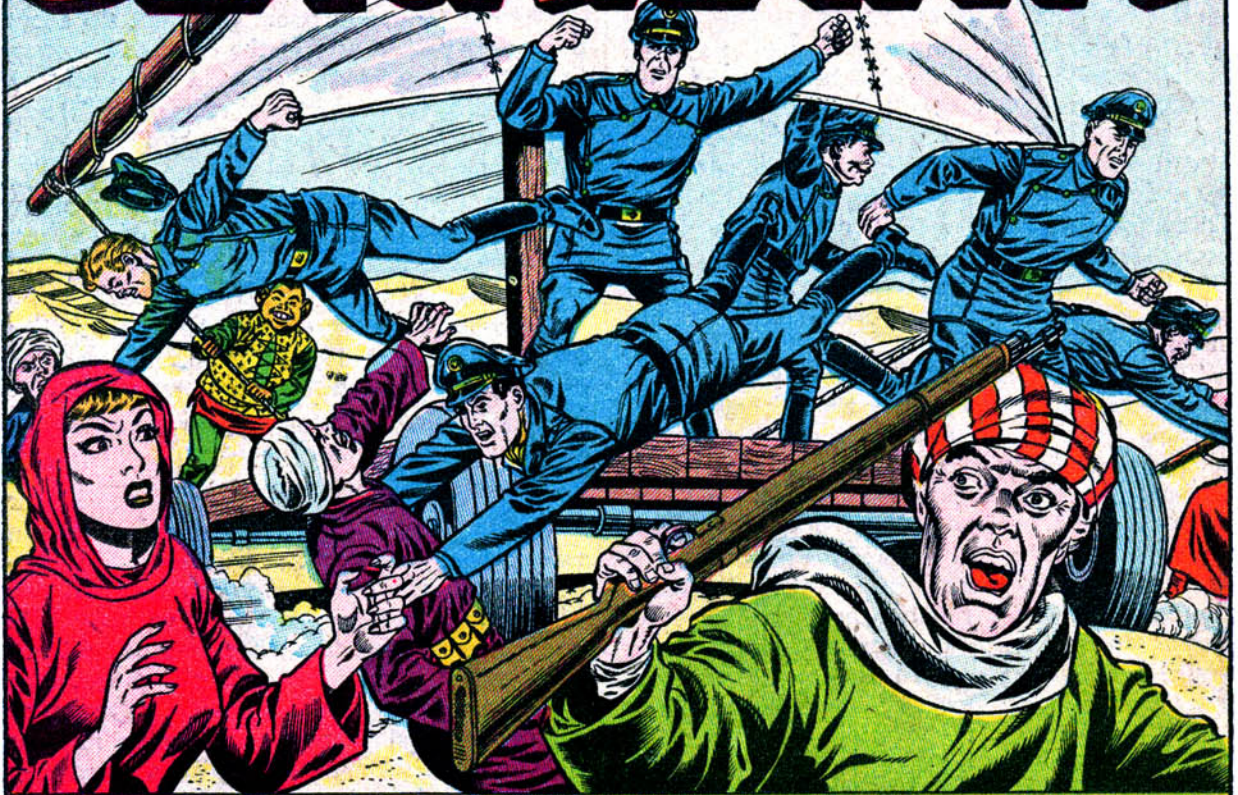
"What does this mean?" he asked, eyeing Sid and three strange men holding revolvers.

"This means, Professor," said Sid, "that I'm Sergeant Russell of Police Headquarters and you are under arrest. We've been after you for a long time—but I think we can plan on having you around for an even longer time!"

"The Professor" shook his head unbelievably. "I never thought a cop would trick me," he said. "Russell, you're not just smart! You're a downright genius!"



# BLACKHAWK



THE NEW DESERT REFINERY WOULD SUPPLY VITAL FUEL TO THE FREE WORLD'S MIDDLE EAST DEFENSE BASES! THE BLACKHAWKS WERE SET TO DEFEND IT AGAINST RED FURY... BUT EVEN THEY WERE HELPLESS AGAINST COMMUNISM'S DEADLIEST NEW WEAPON... THE EVIL SKILL AND RUTHLESS CUNNING OF THE GIRL WHO CALLED HERSELF---

## ***LHALA, TIGRESS of the DESERT***

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YOU'VE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB, COLONEL! HOW ARE RELATIONS WITH THE DESERT TRIBES?

PERFECT, BLACKHAWK! WE PAY FOR THE OIL AND THE LAND AND THEY KNOW WE'RE A BULWARK AGAINST RED AGGRESSION!



SUDDENLY...

EEAAHHH! WE'RE BEING ATTACKED!

TUAREGS! THE MOST SAVAGE TRIBE IN THE DESERT! BUT I THOUGHT THEY WERE FRIENDLY...!











ME HIDE BELT RADIO UNDER CAMEL SADDLE! WHEREVER COMMIES GO, IS BROADCASTING LOCATION FOR BLACKHAWKS TO FIND!

CHOP CHOP, YOU'RE STILL THE CLEVEREST BLACKHAWK! WE'LL TRACE THE CARRIER WAVE OF YOUR RADIO TO THEIR HIDEOUT! GREAT WORK!



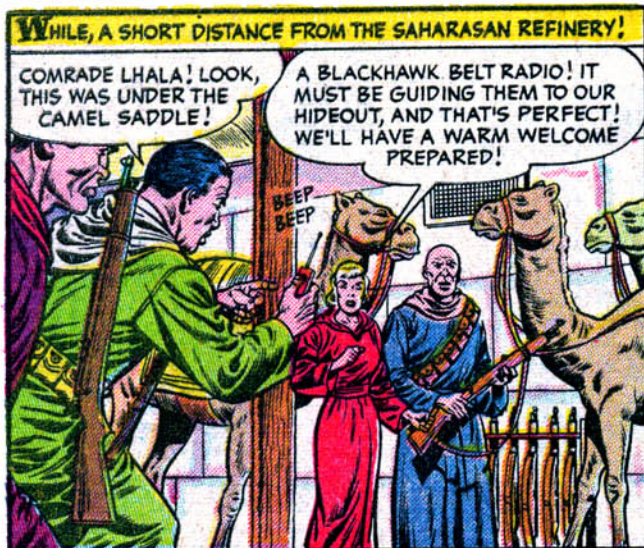
BUT WE CAN'T GO BY PLANES! THEY'D HEAR OUR JETS FROM MILES AWAY! WE MUST CATCH THEM BY SURPRISE!

OUR WORK-MEN HAVE FLEET CAMELS IF YOU WANT TO RIDE THEM! OF COURSE, THEY AREN'T THE MOST COMFORTABLE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION!



A FEW MINUTES LATER... H-HANG ON, F-FELLOWS! I'LL TRY TO F-FOLLOW THE B-BEEPS FROM CHOP CHOP'S R-RADIO!

ZE SH-SHIP OF ZE D-DESEKT NEED G-GYRO-S-STABILIZERS!



WHILE, A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE SAHARASAN REFINERY! COMRADE LHALA! LOOK, THIS WAS UNDER THE CAMEL SADDLE!

A BLACKHAWK BELT RADIO! IT MUST BE GUIDING THEM TO OUR HIDEOUT, AND THAT'S PERFECT! WE'LL HAVE A WARM WELCOME PREPARED!



AND A SHORT TIME LATER... H-HALT, M-MEN! THE RADIO S-SIGNAL INDICATES OUR G-GOAL MAY BE OVER THAT SAND D-DUNE! ANCHOR OUR S-SHIPS OF THE DESERT AND WE'LL WALK UP!

I BAN GLAD TO G-GET OFF THIS BOUNCING YUGHEAD, BY YIMINY!



CHOP CHOP'S RADIO SIGNAL INDICATES IT MUST BE RIGHT IN FRONT OF US, BUT I CAN'T SEE A THING! IT MUST BE CAMOUFLAGED!

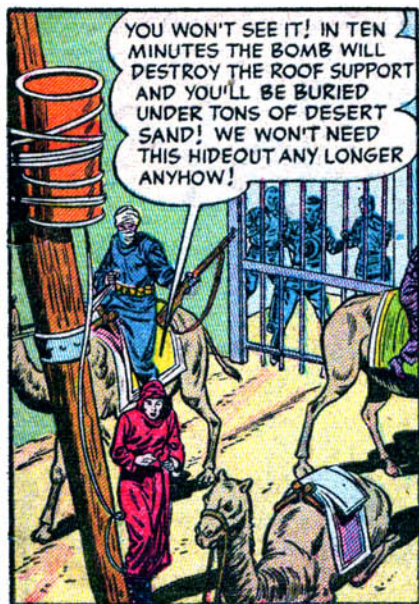
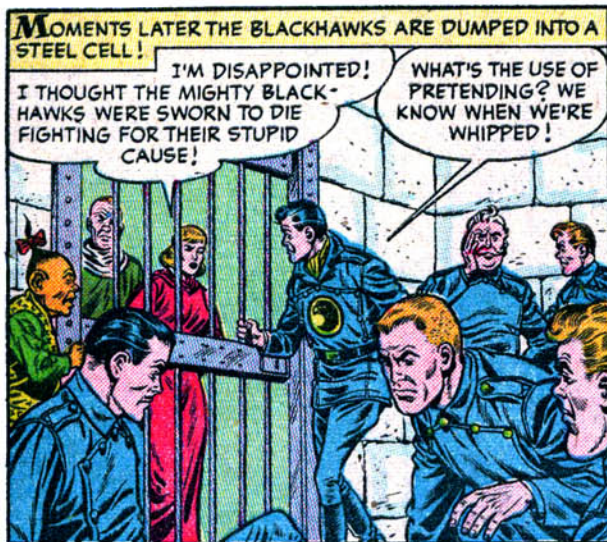
WE'LL START MOVING AHEAD CAREFULLY! BUT BE SET FOR TROUBLE!



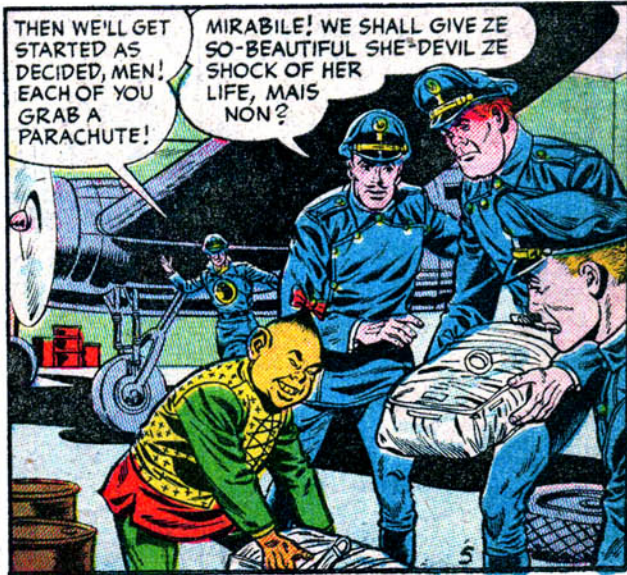
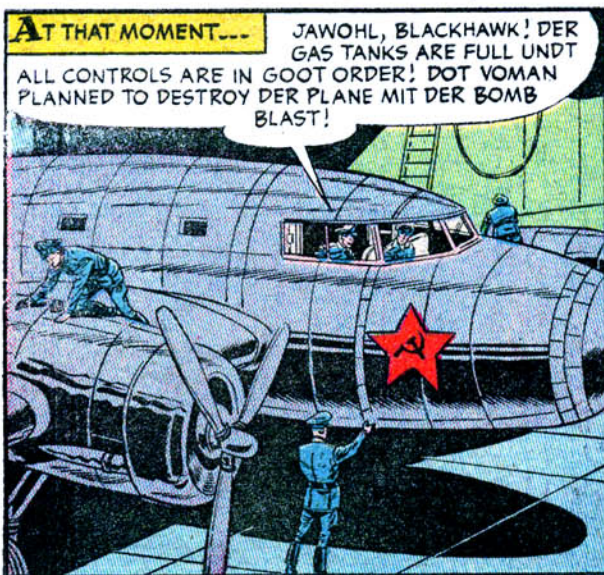
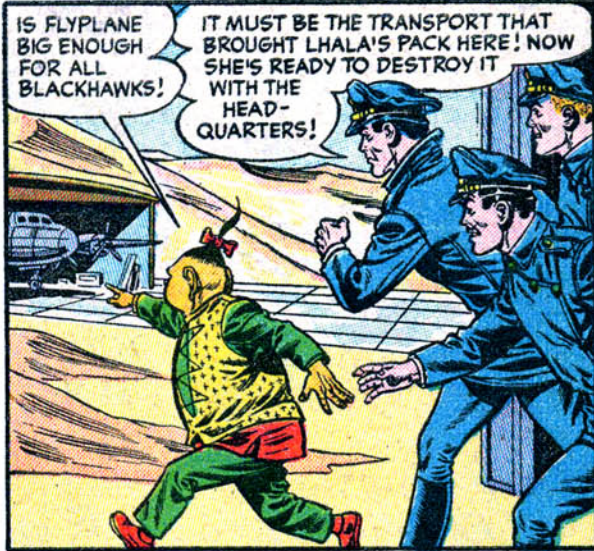
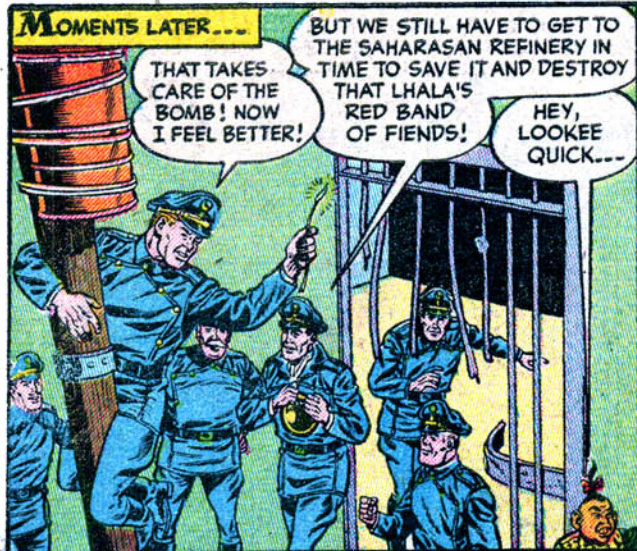
WE'RE OUTNUMBERED 10 TO 1 SO SURPRISE IS OUR BEST WEAPON... HEYYY!

EEEOW!

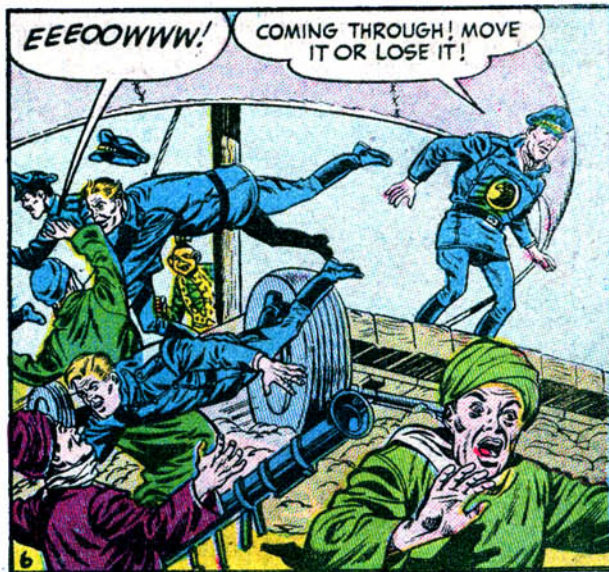
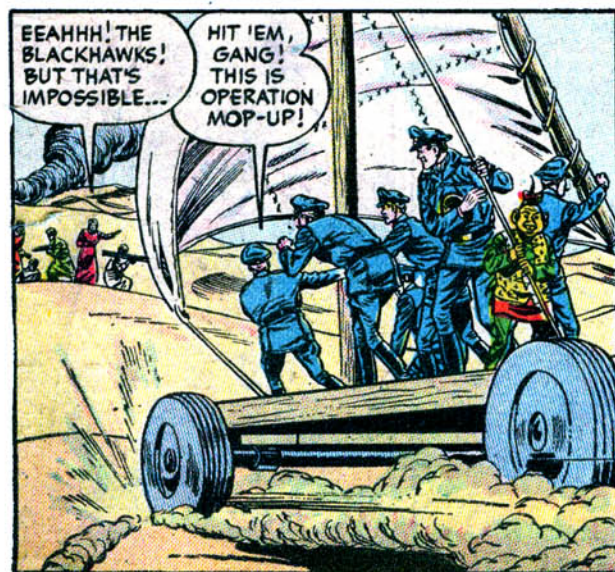




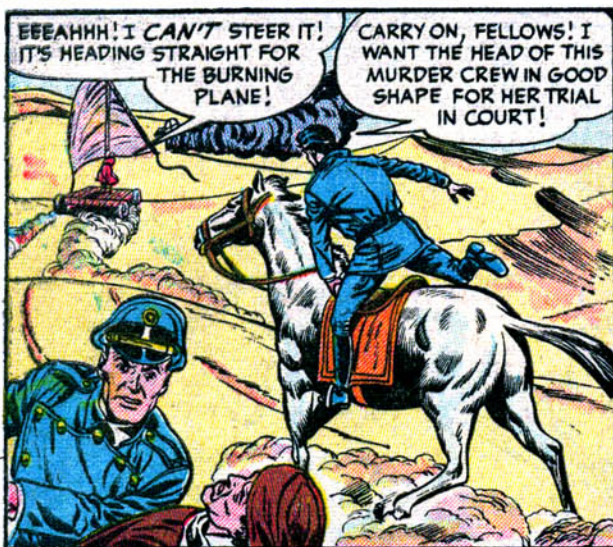
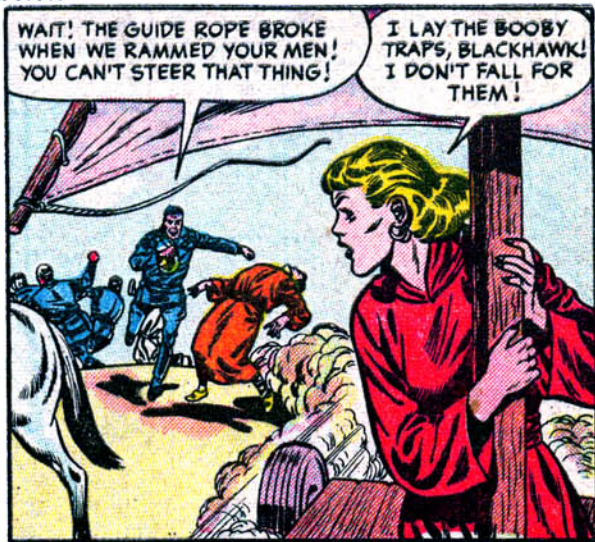
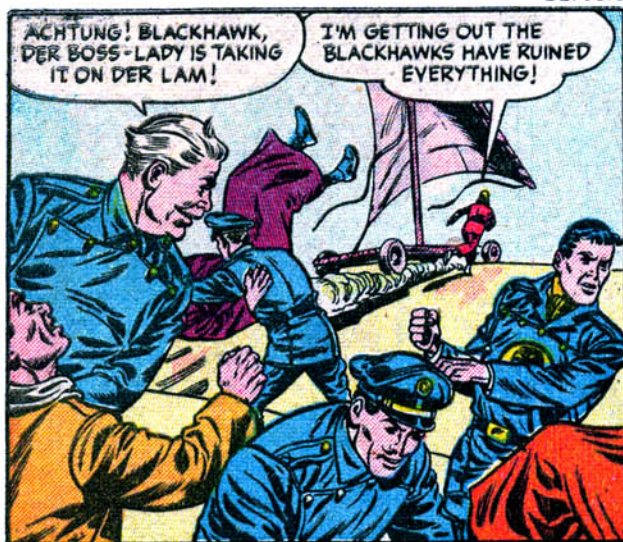














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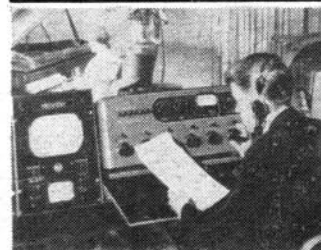


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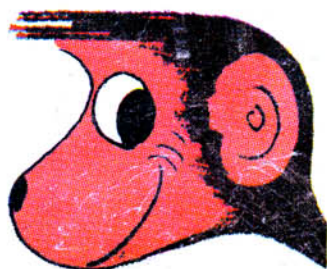
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